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**Highly Qualified and Beyond  
State Conference**  
**Sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education**

Featuring Dr. Marilyn Friend  
And  
Ron Rohac  
HyVee Hall, Des Moines, Iowa  
Thursday and Friday November 16-17, 2006

- WHAT:** Highly Qualified and Beyond: Skill Building for Iowa's Collaborative Service Model for Teachers.
- A state conference that will provide introductory skill building in Iowa's consultative and co-teaching models, with an emphasis on secondary teachers. The conference will feature Ron Rohac and Dr. Marilyn Friend. On November 16, Mr. Rohac will focus on content area strategies that support collaboration between general and special education teachers. Participants will learn specific skills and strategies to implement in their classrooms. On November 17, Dr. Friend will elaborate on specific co-teaching approaches that can be used in general education classrooms. Participants will learn strategies for planning and implementing the approaches. November 17 will also feature "open microphone" sessions in which participants can ask questions of Dr. Friend and Iowa teachers and administrators who have been implementing co-teaching and consultative models for several years. There is no registration fee. For more information, contact Norma Lynch at [Norma.Lynch@iowa.gov](mailto:Norma.Lynch@iowa.gov).
- FOR WHOM:** Teachers, administrators, AEA staff and higher education faculty
- WHERE:** All sessions will be held at HyVee Hall, part of the Iowa Events Center, 730 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines, Iowa.
- PARKING:** Surface parking is available North of the Center at a rate of \$6/day.
- LODGING:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Conference Center Des Moines Airport, 6111 Fleur Drive for the nights of November 15 and 16. Please call the hotel directly to make your reservations at 800-248-4013. Reservations should be made by November 1 to guarantee our special rate of \$75 (plus tax) for up to four people in a room.
- GRADUATE CREDIT:** Morningside College will be available to offer one hour of graduate credit.
- REGISTRATION:** Registration is limited to 800 participants consisting of teams of general educators and special educators. Administrators are also encouraged to attend with their district, AEA, or college faculty teams. There is no fee to attend, but pre-registration is required by November 8, 2006.
- QUESTIONS:** If you have questions regarding registration, the location or lodging, please contact Lisa Barnes, an independent conference planner at 319-338-2036 or via e-mail at [CCSBarnes@msn.com](mailto:CCSBarnes@msn.com). If you have questions specifically regarding the conference content, please contact Norma Lynch at 515-281-6038 or via e-mail at [Norma.Lynch@iowa.gov](mailto:Norma.Lynch@iowa.gov).

## HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND BEYOND AGENDA

### Thursday, November 16:

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast  
9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks  
9:15 – 10:30 a.m. ***Making Content Accessible.*** Ron Rohac  
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break, refreshments  
10:45 – 12:00 p.m. ***Making Content Accessible.*** Ron Rohac continued  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. ***Making Content Accessible.*** Ron Rohac continued  
2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break, refreshments  
2:45 – 4:00 p.m. ***Making Content Accessible.*** Ron Rohac continued

### Friday, November 17:

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast  
8:30 – 9:45 a.m. ***So You're In the Classroom Together: Now What?*** Marilyn Friend  
9:45 – 10:00 a.m. Break, refreshments  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. ***So You're In the Classroom Together: Now What?*** Marilyn Friend continued  
11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch (provided)  
12:30 – 1:45 p.m. **“Open Microphone” Sessions #1**  
A. Marilyn Friend Questions and Answer Session  
B. Middle School Administrators and Teachers featured in the Iowa Collaborative Conversations DVD. All participants will receive a complimentary copy of the DVD.  
C. High School Administrators and Teachers featured in the Iowa Collaborative Conversations DVD. All participants will receive a complimentary copy of the DVD.  
  
1:45 – 2:00 p.m. Break, refreshments  
  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **“Open Microphone” Sessions #2 (repeat of #1)**  
D. Marilyn Friend Questions and Answer Session  
E. Middle School Administrators and Teachers featured in the Iowa Collaborative Conversations DVD. All participants will receive a complimentary copy of the DVD.  
F. High School Administrators and Teachers featured in the Iowa Collaborative Conversations DVD. All participants will receive a complimentary copy of the DVD.